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8 information to clients that request the information; and  
9 causing a node that requires information about participants in said distributed operation to  
10 retrieve said participant data from said name service.

11 11. (Amended) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of one or more  
12 instructions for determining participants of a distributed operation in a distributed system,  
13 the one or more sequences of one or more instructions including instructions which, when  
14 executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to perform the  
15 steps of:  
16 registering in a name service participant data that identifies a plurality of participants that  
17 are participating in said distributed operation;  
18 wherein said distributed operation is a unit of work involving said plurality of  
19 participants;  
20 wherein said name service registers information received from clients and provides said  
21 information to clients that request the information; and  
22 causing a node that requires information about participants in said distributed operation to  
23 retrieve said participant data from said name service.